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WHITEHOUSE PASS TO NSC FOR RICE AND STEINBERG;
JOINT STAFF FOR J5, J4;
SECDEF FOR OSD/SOLIC, RWANDA TASK FORCE
STATE FOR A/S MOOSE
USIA FOR B/VOA
PARIS FOR PERLOW

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SUBJECT: RADIO STATION FOR UNAMIR

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY. THE US, UK, AND THE UN AGREED ON A DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING A RADIO STATION TO UNAMIR. THE UK WILL PROVIDE 5 TRANSMITTERS AND THE ENGINEERS REQUIRED TO INSTALL THEM. THE US WILL PROVIDE PRODUCTION FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT. THE UN WILL COORDINATE THE PROJECT, INCLUDING ARRANGING FOR TRANSPORTATION, REIMBURSEMENT, AND STAFFING. THE KEY ISSUE NOW IS TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

3. ON 8 SEPTEMBER DPKO/FOD HEAD DENNIS BEISSEL CHAIRED THE SECOND UNAMIR RADIO MEETING. PDASD CONNOLLY LED THE US DELEGATION ACCOMPANIED BY REPS FROM THE MISSION, OSD, JCS, STATE/PM, USIA/VOA AND THE US MISSION. UNHCR AND POLOFFS FROM THE UK AND BELGIAN MISSION ALSO PARTICIPATED.

4. THE MEETING WAS LARGELY SUCCESSFUL. THE UK
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COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ALL THE TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT. IT WILL NEED TO BE REIMBURSED FOR ALL EXPENSES ABOVE \$280,000. THE UK ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE BBC ENGINEERS, ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS, TO INSTALL THE TRANSMITTERS. THE UK ESTIMATED THAT THE EQUIPMENT WOULD FILL 5 LOXLOXLO CONTAINERS AND WOULD REQUIRE 3 C-131S TO TRANSPORT. THE BELGIANS TENTATIVELY OFFERED TO PROVIDE PROGRAM PERSONNEL.

5. CONNOLLY AGREED TO PROVIDE THE PRODUCTION FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS--ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT AGREE TO THE EXACT EQUIPMENT LIST DETAILED IN THE UN STUDY.

6. BEISSEL AGREED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION UNLESS SPACE AVAILABLE ARRANGMENTS CAN BE MADE. HE ALSO AGREED THAT THE UN PROJECT COORDINATOR WOULD RECRUIT PRODUCTION AND BROADCAST PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, BEISSEL ALSO ASKED FOR THE PARTICIPANT'S ASSISTANCE IN RECRUITMENT. A VOA REPRESENTATIVE SPECULATED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE UN TO FILL 12 HOURS A DAY OF AIRTIME IN THE LOCAL LANGUAGE. SHE SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTERS WOULD BE WILLING TO BROADCAST THEIR PROGRAMS THROUGH UNAMIR IN

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FRENCH, SWAHILI, AND ENGLISH.

7. BEISSEL DESIGNATED JEFFREY HEYMAN (UNPROFOR RADIO CHIEF) AS PROJECT COORDINATOR. MR. HEYMAN WILL BE IN NEW YORK MONDAY AND AVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TO WORK THROUGH ANY PROBLEMS THAT ARISE. THE UN WILL ALSO PROVIDE WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORTS.

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8. THE UN REPORT INDICATES THAT A RADIO COULD BE UP AND RUNNING WITHIN ONE MONTH, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE URGENCY OF ENCOURAGING RWANDAN REFUGEES TO RETURN HOME. THE UK DOES NOT YET HAVE A SENSE OF THEIR TIMELINE, AND THE USDEL WAS SKEPTICAL OF THE ONE MONTH TIMEFRAME. A KEY ISSUE, THEREFORE, WILL BE GETTING THE RADIO STATION ON LINE QUICKLY BEFORE REFUGEES BECOME EVER MORE ENTRENCHED IN THE CAMPS.

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